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RAJYA SABHA

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13.	Madhya Pradesh	1950	17295	9655
14.	Orissa	1972	4139	3313
15.	Patna	1951	6586	6657
16.	Punjab and Haryana	1964	27587	33791
17.	Rajasthan	1956	7893	6674
18.	Sikkim	1996	0	2
		3,38,808	5,00,855	

CBI Investigation in Dredging Contract

**2460. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has completed its investigation regarding irregularities in awarding dredging contract in 1998 by Kandla Port Trust to Dharti Dredging Co. Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the CBI's report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of Investigation registered a case on 27-10-2000 regarding irregularities committed in awarding dredging contract by Kandla Port Trust to Dharti Dredging Co. Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad in 1998-99. The matter is under investigation by Gandhinagar (Gujarat) Branch of Central Bureau of Investigation.

(c) Does not arise.

Privatisation of Major Indian Ports

2461. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to privatise the Indian major ports;

(b) whether it is a fact that one foreign party has won the rights in four major Indian Ports;